

## League to Save Lake Tahoe

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California Air Resources Board 1001 "I" Street P.O. Box 95812

RE: 2010 Ozone Designation for the Lake Tahoe Air Basin

Dear Members of the Board,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the proposed changes to the Lake Tahoe Area's ozone designation.

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the League to Save Lake Tahoe. The League is a membership based non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the environmental and ecological health of the Tahoe Basin.

The League fully supports the staff recommendation to amend the designation of the Lake Tahoe Air Basin for ozone from Unclassified to Non-Attainment. The Basin has been in exceedance since 1975 with the exception of two years (2004 and 2005). In addition to the information in the staff report we have included a graph illustrating the CARB data from 2001 to 2008.

Unfortunately, the number of exceedances is on the rise, causing impacts to both human health and the environment. The League believes that a non-attainment designation will assist and hold accountable the responsible agencies in making appropriate plans and decisions to restore ozone concentrations to levels that will no longer be detrimental to the public or ecosystem health.

If you have any questions, please contact the League at 530-541-5388.

Thank you,

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